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1. AS SPART OF THE APPLIED PRESSURE CAMPAIGN SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADOR CISSE, YOU MAY WISH TO CALL TO GOS ATTENTION THAT OUR ORIGINAL UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR ANNOUNCED TACTIC TO DISCOURAGE SOVIET VISITORS WAS THAT "THEY WOULD REFUSE AN OCCASIONAL REQUEST FOR A MULTIPLE ENTRY DIPLOMATIC VISA VALID FOR THREE MONTHS." SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE THEY BEGAN ISSUING VISAS VALID FOR SINGLE ENTRY ONLY TO THOSE DIPLOMATS WHOSE REQUESTS WERE NOT REFUSED OUTRIGHT. MOREOVER, SENEGALESE EMBASSY NOW INFORMS THAT DAKAR MFA APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR VISAS FOR HOLDERS OF OFFICIAL PASSPORTS AS WELL. COMMUNICATOR WAYNE CASHWELL IS THE CASE IN POINT.

2. IT WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT IF SENEGAL COULD RETURN TO A POLICY OF ISSUING THE THREE MONTH, MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA, EVEN WITH AN OCCASIONAL REFUSAL. WE COULD LIVE WITH THAT UNTIL A NORMAL POLICY OF RECIPROCITY IS REINSTATED. BY RE-SUBMITTING VISA REQUESTS (IF REFUSED THE FIRST TIME), AND BY ADVISING DAKAR OF OUR FREQUENT TRAVELERS, EMBOFFS WOULD EVENTUALLY ALL ACQUIRE MULTIPLE ENTRY, THREE MONTH VISAS AND HAVE THEM IN THEIR POSSESSION THE MAJORITY OF THE TIME.
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INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH THE VISA DRILL ONCE A MONTH OR MORE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL EMBOFF, WE COULD AT LEAST REDUCE THE EXERCISE PER OFFICER TO A QUARTERLY EVENT. ALSO, THIS SOLUTION WOULD NOT REQUIRE THE GOS TO MAKE A COMPLETE REVERSAL OF ITS POLICY UNTI IT IS READY.
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